Crime Victim Pay Pushed by Hartke

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WASHINGTON — Any person injured or the family of one killed in a crime of violence in the United States would have a chance of recovering financial losses from the federal government under a proposal to be introduced in the Senate today by Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind.

Hartke said the bill differs from similar bills by removing any limit on amounts collectable.

He said payments would not be limited in any way by the type of crime committed.

The Hartke measure would establish a three-man Criminal Loss Recovery Commission appointed by the President. Two of the members would have to be a doctor and a forme judge. The judge must have served on a court of general jurisdiction, either state or federal. The doctor must be licensed to practice in the District of Columbia.

The bill, known as the Criminal Loss Recovery Act of 1973, would completely cover losses on the job, in the hospital, or expenses involving special care and any other costs related to the criminal act, according to Hartke.

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